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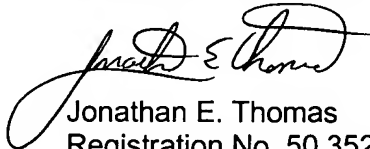
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment prior to issuance of the above-identified patent application. Claims 1-16 are currently allowed in the application. Claims 2 and 7, as well as paragraph 11 of the specification, are amended to change "Rau Pren 707™" to --Rau Pren™--, and to change "Santoprene™" to --Santoprene®--.

Changing "Santoprene™" to --Santoprene®-- does not add new matter, but merely corrects an informality. Additionally, changing "Rau Pren 707™" to --Rau Pren™-- does not add new matter. Rather, this change more accurately describes the Rau Pren™ family of products that includes specific members such as Rau Pren 707™. Moreover, Rau Pren 707™ was illustratively disclosed in the original application together with the phrase "or other similarly flexible materials", and the term Rau Pren™ more accurately describes some of these "other similarly flexible materials." Thus no new matter is added. .

The Applicant therefore respectfully requests favorable consideration of the application and entry of the above amendment into the record prior to issuance. Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number. Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

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